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Title: METHOD FOR PREPARING HIGH
PERFORMANCE RECA-LIKE
RECOMBINASE/SINGLE-
STRANDED NUCLEIC ACID
PROBE COMPLEX AND
UTILIZATION THEREOF

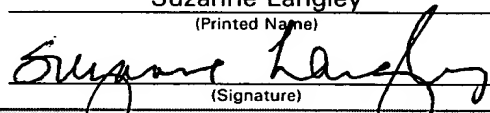
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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 CFR §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

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Any document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08, or its foreign counterpart, was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. An English-language counterpart of the foreign-language documents has been provided where readily available. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§ 609).

The European Search Report cites EP 0 687 738 and WO 98/08975. Applicants have listed WO 98/08975 on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08 and provided a copy herewith. EP 0 687 738, (published December 20, 1995), corresponds to WO 95/18236, (published July 6, 1995). Applicants have listed WO 95/18236 on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08 and provided a copy herewith. WO 95/18236 is a Japanese language document, which, as indicated in the abstract, relates to:

A method for detecting the presence of a double-stranded target nucleic acid sequence in an immobilized cell or structure, which method involves the step of immobilizing a cell or a cell structure in such a manner as to permit the invasion by a nucleic acid probe and the step of preparing a probe-RecA composite comprising a single-stranded probe and a RecA protein bonded to each other stably. The presence of a target double-stranded nucleic acid sequence is detected by binding the probe-RecA composite to a target double-stranded nucleic acid sequence through the reaction therebetween under the condition where the target nucleic acid sequence does not undergo denaturation and detecting the RecA protein contained in the composite. The invention method provides a diagnostically important method whereby the position of a specified gene or a regulatory region thereof in a chromosome or the presence of a virus-origin nucleic acid sequence can be determined or visualized readily at a high sensitivity.



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In addition to WO 95/18236, Applicants have also listed U.S. 5,965,361 on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08 and provided a copy herewith. U.S. 5,965,361 issued from the U.S. national stage application of WO 95/18236.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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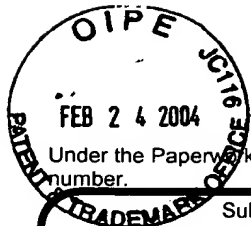
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